

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03

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FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7132

INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE PRIORITY

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AMEMBASSY DUBAPEST PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY WARSAW PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, BU, SY, EG, MARR

SUBJECT: SYRIANS INFORM BULGARIANS THAT US PARTICIPATING IN  
MIDDLE EAST WAR

REF: STATE 203431 AND 203641

1. OCTOBER 15 PARTY NEWSPAPER "RABOTNICHESKO DELO" REPORTED THAT THE SYRIAN AMBASSADOR OFFICIALLY INFORMED THE GOB "THAT US MILITARY AIRCRAFT ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE AIR ATTACKS AGAINST SYRIA AND EGYPT ON THE MIDDLE EAST FRONTS. THE AIRCRAFT ARE PILOTED BY SKILLED PROFESSIONAL AMERICAN FLIERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE VIETNAM WAR."

2. SAME EDITION OF PRESS SUMMARIZED AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY'S OCTOBER 13 PRESS BRIEFING REPORTING THAT  
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"IN HIS STATEMENT MCCLOSKEY REFERRED PRIMARILY TO

ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE MILITARY PARTICIPATION OF THE  
USA IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE DISAVOWED THEM AND SAID  
THAT NEITHER AMERICAN WEAPONS NOR MILITARY PERSONNEL  
ARE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE MILITARY OPERATIONS IN  
THE MIDDLE EAST." ARTICLE ALSO NOTES THAT MCCLOSKEY  
DECLARED THAT US IS READY "TO HEAR BOTH SIDES OF CON-  
FLICT" IN EFFORT TO HELP WORK OUR RESOLUTION FOR  
A SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT.

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO BULGARIAN COMMENT ON SUBJECT.  
REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON WHAT ACTION IF ANY  
POST SHOULD TAKE.  
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